

AUBURN ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

August 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:16 am by Chairman Randy Mealhow at Auburn City Hall, Room 10. Present were: Randy Mealhow, Sue Dings, April Maynard, Lee Buckingham, Aloha Baumgarten, Judi Lardner and Mike Holmes.

A quorum was established and the July Minutes approved by unanimous consent.

Public Comment: Mike asked to take up agenda items out of sequence, as he had to leave early.

Airport Monument: Mike announced that the Auburn Aviation Association has approved a conceptual design for the “Greatest Generation Memorial Monument” and distributed a rendering of the proposed monument. A letter from the Association was given to Chair Mealhow. Mike asked the AAC to approve the concept so that the City Council can address the proposal at its August 22nd meeting. A discussion ensued about the cost (\$20,000 to be funded by private donations), location (on City property near Wings), potential liability issues (the City is currently working on boilerplate language to address this concern), and whether the glare from the polished aluminum surface would interfere with runway operations (not an issue due to runway orientation). Aloha moved that the AAC approve the concept for the monument and recommend it for City Council approval. Lee seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center: Mike said that a “State of the State Theater” event was held in July to kick-off the Center’s capital campaign. Two more such events are scheduled for August and September, which will include behind-the-scenes tours.

Budget Request: Mike said that there is \$40,000 set aside in the City budget for specific requests from the AAC and the EDC. He asked that the AAC approve and recommend for City Council action a proposal for a Twin Towers Memorial. A wooden pedestal (to be constructed by J. Randall Smith) will display a piece of metal from the Twin Towers. It will be located in City Hall, but will be designed so that it can be relocated for specific events. If the City Council approves funding at its August 22nd meeting, it is possible that the Twin Towers Memorial will be ready for unveiling on September 11th of this year. Randy requested that there be AAC involvement earlier in the planning process for these types of projects in the future. Sue moved to approve the concept for the Twin Towers Memorial and to recommend that the City Council approve \$2,500 for the project. Aloha seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Sue thanked Mike for his involvement in the AAC and for moving these art projects forward.

Public Art Program update: Lee said that all the paperwork is in and that we are waiting for feedback from the City Attorney.

Streetscape project: Lee reported that the committee has not met recently. Construction of Phase 2 is going well.

Mural projects: The mural projects are on hold until AAC member Rob Turner returns.

City Hall Gallery: Aloha announced that Sonja Hamilton will be doing a watercolor demonstration in the gallery during the Art Walk this Thursday. A discussion ensued about the music that would be provided on Thursday and how much money has been budgeted for music for all of the Art Walks. Randy said he would ask Mike to clarify the amount available to the AAC for this purpose.

Fund Raising: Randy said that this item needs to be addressed at some point since the AAC no longer has a regular source of funding.

AAC Vacancies: Randy commended Sue for her ten years of work on the AAC and for her efforts to recruit people to serve on the commission. Sue passed on her binders and folders to April. A discussion ensued about archiving old clippings, etc. April suggested all the items be scanned and the originals stored in City Hall.

AAC Secretary: Sue moved that Judi be appointed as Secretary of the AAC. Aloha seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Joyce Silva was thanked for her work as secretary.

Meeting with UAIC: There was nothing new to report about the UAIC sculpture project.

AAC Notebooks: Lee has the new notebooks.

Future Agenda Items: April asked that a special meeting be set to discuss fund raising. Randy suggested the meeting be held in October and said he would send out an email asking members about preferred dates and times. Aloha asked for clarification about the proposed Mountain Quarries Bridge gallery show next March, which would be part of the bridge's centennial celebration.

The next meeting will be on September 13, 2011 at 8:15 am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 am
Respectfully Submitted,
Judi Lardner, Secretary